

IMPACT OF ZAID BIN AMR BIN NUFAIL ON QURAN

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1. (Until stated otherwise) the sources belong primarily to the Sunni sect.
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Before Islam, there existed the Arabs like, Sa'sa'ah and Zaid Bin Amr Bin Nufail {(a.k.a Zaid ibn Umair, a relative of Umar ibn al-Khattab (the second caliph of the Sunnis)} who made efforts to end the practice of female infanticide[1]. In pre-Islamic times, Prophet had met this Zaid bin 'Amr Nufail[1.1], who used to criticize the religious practices (including idolatry) of the Quraysh of Mecca, and for this reason, he was forced to withdraw himself to the cave of mount Hira[1.2]. The Prophet too used to go to the cave of mount Hira seeking "seclusion", where an "angel" came to him with the revelation from "Allah" for the first time[1.3]. Now consider the following about what Zaid bin 'Amr Nufail practiced as well as gave up in the pre-Islamic times and what later appeared in the Quran:

- Zaid bin `Amr Nufail used to say that he was on the religion of Abraham[1.4]; Quran instructs the Prophet to follow the religion of Abraham (Quran 16:123, Quran 2:135).
- Quraysh practiced the use of supposedly divine arrows to make certain judgments[1.5], Zaid bin `Amr Nufail gave up this practice[1.6]; Quran too prohibits this practice (Quran 5:3, Quran 5:90).
- Zaid bin `Amr Nufail refused to eat the meat of the animal which was slaughtered on the Ansab (idols/stone altars/sacrificial stones) and he only ate the meat on which Allah's name has been mentioned while slaughtering[1.7]; Quran too forbids eating the meat of such an animal which has been sacrificed on the idols (Quran 5:3) or on which Allah's name hasn't been mentioned (or the name of someone other than Allah's has been mentioned) while making the slaughter (Quran 2:173, Quran 5:3, Quran 6:119, Quran 6:146, Quran 16:115).
- Zaid bin `Amr Nufail used to urge the one who wanted to kill his daughter due to food scarcity to not kill her. He used to assure the father that he will feed her on his behalf[1.8]; Quran forbids killing of children out of poverty and assure providing sustenance to them (Quran 6:152, Quran 17:31).

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